

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: **Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

Output Group 1.2: **Labour Market Programme Management and Delivery**

Output 1.2.2: **Employment Services**

Question Number: **W969-07**

Question:

Senator Wong gave the following question on notice:

Compliance: In aggregate, and for each sub-category of participation failure, for how many of these participation reports did Centrelink determine that (a) There was a 'reasonable excuse' for not meeting participation requirements? (b) A participation failure should be recorded?

Answer:

From 1 July 2006 till 30 November 2006, 62 795 participation failures were applied as a result of a Participation Report raised by Providers of Australian Government Employment Services. DEWR does not make other breakdowns publicly available.

Compliance data for the first quarter of this financial year will be available on the department's website:

<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Category/ResearchStats/PublicBreachData.htm> in the first week of February, 2007.

This data includes breakdowns of participation failures by number and Top 5 reasons for the PR being submitted by payment type, indigenous, gender & age group categories.